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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

MICHAEL L. GOUGH

APPLICATION No.: 09/400,708

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**FOR: METHOD AND ARTICLE OF
MANUFACTURE FOR AN AUTOMATICALLY
EXECUTED APPLICATION PROGRAM
ASSOCIATED WITH AN ELECTRONIC
MESSAGE**

EXAMINER: THONG H. VU

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2009. A request for a two month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is enclosed herewith.

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